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Calendar of events

Airlines merger excites airport honchos

The proposed airline merger between Northwest and Delta – the first of which operates its largest worldwide hub at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport – could be a positive development for the airport, said Lester Robinson, the CEO of the Wayne County Airport Authority.

“The Wayne County Airport Authority is excited to be in a position to provide a world-class hub facility at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) to a newly combined Delta/Northwest Airlines,” he said.

“The proposed combination would create Detroit’s largest airline and would transform the two carriers into a new, truly global airline. With fuel prices now at record levels, the combined new carrier will be in a better position to compete in the global marketplace and to expand its reach from Detroit—enabling Southeast Michigan to become an even stronger participant in the global economy,” he said.

In the past, mergers have been a good thing for the airport. When Northwest Airlines and Republic Airlines merged in 1986, the combination secured the future of Detroit future as one of the major hub airports in the world, Robinson added.

Starfish opens behavioral health office

Starfish Family Services announced the opening of a second Lifespan Clinical Services facility in Westland.

The new office will provide a full-range of behavior health services to more than 500 families in western Wayne County annually. The facility is made possible through a partnership with Gateway Community Health, which is funded by the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

In addition to a full array of infant and children’s behavioral health services, Starfish Family Services will launch a new Child Welfare Treatment Program at the new site that aims to help children, adolescents and their families involved in the child welfare system including foster care and adoption programs. Several Lifespan therapists have undergone comprehensive training to become specialists in meeting the multifaceted needs of these special children, their families and caregivers.

The ultimate goal of the program is to break the cycle of multi-generational foster care, said Ann Kalass, CEO of Starfish Family Services.

“We believe in the importance of investing in the community and providing children and their families with exceptional behavior health services,” she said.

The Westland office is located at 35300 Nankin Boulevard, Suite 601.

— News briefs are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen.

Scores show improvement, challenges

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

When administrators got their first look at the latest round of Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) scores this week, they saw a number of gains, but also some significant challenges.

The scores, which were released last week for all Michigan school districts and public charter academies, reflect tests taken by third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in October 2007.

The scores are a barometer used to measure whether a school facility or district will meet Adequate Yearly Progress goals, which are mandated by the state and federal government under the No Child Left Behind law.

This year, state officials announced that statewide, math scores improved at every grade tested except for the fifth, which saw a slight decrease.

For the most part, Romulus schools scores were consistent with that assessment, except

the decrease in the number of students meeting proficiency in math since 2006 increased for the fifth grade, and declined in the fourth.

“This is very encouraging,” said State Board of Education President Kathleen N. Straus. “We are beginning to see the results of the foundation we’ve established to help Michigan’s children succeed.”

Students’ MEAP scores are divided into four performance levels: advanced, proficient, partially proficient, and not proficient. Students who place in either the Advanced or Proficient levels are considered to be “proficient” in that subject.

In Romulus, third graders saw slight increases in English, math and writing, and a slight decline from 2006 in reading. In English, 76.5 percent of students met or exceeded expectations, which is an increase of 1.3 percent from 2006.

In math, 90 percent of students tested performed at or above expectations – an increase of 2 percent from 2006.

Writing scores jumped by 3.5 percent in

2007, up to 587 percent of students performing well. Reading saw a slight decline from 2006 to 2007, with about 84 percent of students performing at or above expectations.

Fourth graders saw across-the-board decreases in the number of students who performed well on the test. However, more than 80 percent of students tested performed at or above expectations on the math test, and 78 percent performed well on the reading test. However, meeting writing requirements was still a challenge, with only 40 percent of students meeting expectations.

Fifth and sixth grade students performed well on the math exam, with 74 and 71 percent meeting expectations. Writing continued to be a source of concern for fifth grade students, with only 56 percent meeting or exceeding expectations.

Writing also proved to be a stumbling block for eighth graders, with 54 percent of students

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Just rewards

Students will continue to enjoy after school activities with the help of the Wal-Mart Taylor location, which donated \$5,000 dollars to the Southeastern Michigan-Romulus Boys and Girls Club. The donation was possible with the collaborative efforts of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Wal-Mart Foundation. The funds will support the Power Hour, which aims to improve students’ reading proficiency, along with other basic skills. Students (left to right) Ashley Lutman, Zaria Miller, Chelsea Warren, Maria Mascorro and Antonio Mascorro join Jill Covell, the area director for the Boys & Girls Club, and Chris Coffman, Taylor store manager, to thank them for the funding.

Budget for 2008-09 has \$2 million debt

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members will likely approve a budget that will pull \$2.2 million from the rainy day fund to balance the books for 2008-09.

Debra Hoffman, city financial director, said the budget she presented to council members in a study session Monday was a bare-bones document that outlined the impact of increasing costs against revenues that are essentially the same as the prior fiscal year.

“Tax revenues were essentially flat,” she said. “We likely won’t see any more property taxes, but we did see some major increases, such as the cost of fuel for our city vehicles and the cost of implementing GASB requirements for retirement funding.”

The general fund budget being

pitched by Hoffman equals \$23 million, and includes no major provisions for layoffs or reductions in services, she said.

“We did reduce the budget by four positions through attrition and retirements, and those people won’t be replaced,” she said. “At this point, we’re looking really hard at positions to see if there’s any way we can combine them with another, but there will be no layoffs.”

This year, several factors are pulling at the budget. The sting of foreclosures and the sluggish real estate market has placed any hopes for increased revenues on the back burner, and its unlikely state shared revenue will increase enough to significantly impact city finances.

Also, grant funding is not as plentiful as it used to be, and several business development efforts

like casino or racetrack are either shuttered or in limbo, officials have said.

Still, the city budget picture is brighter than other communities, said Councilman William Crova.

“I think I read that the city of Taylor has a budget deficit of several million dollars,” he said. “We’re going to have to watch our finances like we would at home – you don’t want the bank account to run dry. Still, its disappointing – we’re \$2.25 million in the hole, and anytime you spend more than you make, it’s a problem.”

Long-term legacy costs, during a time of economic upheaval is another piece of the budget puzzle, Crova said.

“We’re looking at changes in the automotive industry, and eventually, we’re going to see the same type

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Airport forums planned

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Wayne County Airport Authority will host six additional public informational open forums to provide community residents with the opportunity to learn more about the details of the proposed Master Plan for Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County

These additional sessions will help advance our effort to include as much public input as possible in the planning process and to develop the Master Plan in the most transparent manner possible.

Lester Robinson

Airport.

Forums are scheduled for 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23; from 9 a.m. to noon and again at 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29 and from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, May 1.

“The Airport Authority has been and remains committed to developing an Airport Master Plan for Detroit Metro that meets the needs of the entire region we serve,” said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson.

“These additional sessions will help advance our effort to include as much public input as possible in the planning process and to develop the Master Plan in the most transparent manner possible,” he added.

All six open house sessions will provide the same resources but the schedule is staggered across three dates and time slots to maximize community participation.

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High hopes

Local aviation institute plans employment expo

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology in Belleville will host an aviation expo for anyone interested in reaching new heights.

The free event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 1 at Willow Run Airport and host more than 70 hiring businesses, military branches and aviation organizations and schools.

Positions as pilots, and in accounting and administration are just a few to be offered according to Amy Kienast, director of career services for the aviation school.

"We want to be able to match people and veterans interested in exploring aviation careers," she said. "This is geared toward veterans and the general public who want to be able to connect to aviation companies."

According to school officials, there's a shortage of aviation technicians and the school is a preferred provider for employers.

"That's why we like to keep connected because we know there are a lot of careers in the field," said Kienast. "Enrollment is up at the school, too, it's the highest it's ever been."

The all-age expo will include:

"That's why we like to keep connected because we know there are a lot of careers in the field."

Amy Kienast

exhibits with veteran resources, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Michigan Works veteran representatives, training information, onsite interviews, available computers to apply online with exhibiting employers, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Project Move and other demonstrations and

displays.

Ralph McKay, of the department of labor and economic growth and the Michigan opportunity for veteran's employers, said veteran's can cash-in on training and receive additional information, too.

"There's a need for their skill sense by individual companies and

this is an opportunity for a career," he said. "The success rate for veterans who've attended and been hired is quite high."

"There's a big market for this avenue of training right now, plus we're trying to bring new businesses into Michigan, too," he added. "Willow Run is still underutilized so it'd be ideal to entice these companies to come here."

Kienast said schools and young students are also encouraged to come out, as well, for the educational opportunities the expo will offer. For more information about the event, contact Kienast at 1(800) 447-1310 or visit www.miat.edu.

Community chorus hosts several spring concert events

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Belleville Community Chorus will host several upcoming spring concerts.

The first will take place at 3 p.m. on May 3 at the First United Methodist Church, located at 417 Charles St. in Belleville.

Appearing will be the Belleville children's chorus—a group of third through eighth grade students—followed by the community chorus at 7 p.m., who will share old standards and new favorites centered around all the joys of spring. The

concert is free and open to the public.

From 7 until 10 p.m. May 17, the community chorus and the Belleville Community Band will host an evening of music and swing dancing at the Eagles Lodge, located at 9961 Beck Road in Van Buren Township.

They will present a mix of ballads, show and swing tunes performed by the area 16-piece Blue Steel Jazz Band and members of the community chorus. There will be a cash bar and complimentary snacks and soft drinks available. Advance tickets are \$15 or \$25 per

couple. To purchase tickets, visit www.communitybands.net/bluesteel or Call Bill Wilson at (734) 975-0081.

The final spring fling concert will take place from 4-6 p.m. on May 18 at the Open Arms Lutheran Church. The Belleville Community Chorus and band will host their 'Spring Swing Fling Cabaret Concert' with an afternoon of big band tunes. A mix of ballads and show tunes will be performed by

the popular 16-piece Blue Steel Jazz band and the chorus. Snacks and soft drinks will also be available.

The Belleville Community Chorus is a program of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) and acknowledges the sponsorship of the Moriarty Family. The generosity of donors supports the non-profit group, including education, rehearsal, performance and entertainment.

For more information about the group or concerts, contact Wilson or Claudia Roullier at (734) 697-8235.

Farmers Market to move

The Belleville Farmer's Market will change location this year. It will now take place in Victory Park.

Typically, the market is located behind the Belleville Area Museum in the city municipal parking lot, however, with the upcoming construction on Main Street and, the redevelopment project, the farmer's market will not be feasible in that location, officials said.

The Farmer's Market will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays beginning May 3. The fee is \$10 per day for produce vendors with a maximum of \$100 for the season. Arts and craft vendors are \$15 per day. Vendors are not required to attend every Saturday.

For applications and more information, contact market supervisor Bob Kennedy or city hall at (734) 697-9323.

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Bloody good time

Area filmmakers premier their newest horror movie

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The husband and wife duo of Todd and Tommy Brunswick is having a bloody good time.

They hail from Southeast Michigan and they are rising stars in the horror film industry, directing and producing some of the scariest and goriest independent creature features in recent memory right here on their home turf.

They admit that the film industry isn't as glamorous—at least not on the producing and directing levels—as many are led to believe but they are having a pretty good time and are about to premier their ninth movie in eight years, *Born of Earth*, tonight at the Emagine Novi Theater.

With movies titles like *Biker Zombies from Detroit*, *Lurking Terror*, *Mr. Jingles*, *Writer's Bloc*, *The Remake*, *They Must Eat*, *The Evil Offspring*, *The Little Red Devil*, and their newest *Born of Earth* you'd think it would take a 'different' kind of person—dark, brooding someones with an altered sense of reality—to make them.

Not so. Although the Brunswicks truly love those ghastly and ghoulish things that go bump in the night—on the big screen, anyway—they are anything but abnormal. In fact they are quite ordinary and self-proclaim themselves, "the most boring horror filmmakers in the world."

"We're really not that exciting," joked Todd Brunswick, 38, who tackles most of the producing duties. "We don't drink. We don't smoke. We don't have tattoos."

But, they take after many of their idols like Wes Craven (*Nightmare on Elm Street*), Sean Cunningham (*Friday the 13th*) and Sam Raimi (*Evil Dead*).

"If you meet Wes Craven or any of those other guys they're just like us and they're really quiet—just the nicest guys," Brunswick added. "You'd never guess that they created some of the scariest films ever made."

The Brunswicks are just super fans of the genre.

Beyond that the couple have lived a pretty regular suburban life. They both graduated from Livonia Churchill High School and lived in Canton Township for a stint before moving to Milford. Both come from a corporate commercial and video background for clients like Ford, Jaguar, BMW and Daimler Chrysler to name a few while raising their three, going on four, children.

The two dabbled in the filmmaking business in their spare time.

Tommy Brunswick wrote, directed and produced two independent projects in 1998, *Soul Food* and *Childish* while Todd Brunswick produced, wrote and directed *The House Sitter* in 1999.

With a couple of films under their belt they decided to get a little more serious and came up with a script for *Biker Zombies from Detroit* in 2000 for Crossbow 5 Entertainment's first movie. It was a good thing, too. At that point their corporate jobs were cut and they figured then was as good of a time as any to dive head-first into moviemaking fulltime.

"We had planned on it (making a movie) anyway but then we really had to—we had to feed our kids," Todd Brunswick said. "We figured we'll see what happens. Horror movies are viable in the market place because a monster is scary to everyone. We knew going into it that we had to have a solid business plan as well as it being fun."

It's been a love affair that hasn't quit. In 2006 they started their own production company, The Skeleton Factory. The first title under the new banner was *They Must Eat* followed by *The Evil Offspring* and then *Little Red Devil*.

Since the start of the production company,



Brad Dourif, left, and James Russo co-star with Daniel Baldwin in *Born of Earth*, premiering tonight in Novi.

all of the Brunswick's movies used local communities, including Northville and Salem Township, as backdrops for the bloodshed and mayhem they create on screen. Each film is bigger and better than the one before it, leading up to *Born of Earth*.

Brunswick had her biggest budget to date—just under a million dollars—and probably the best and most well known cast to work with.

The cast includes Daniel Baldwin (*Paparazzi* and The Skeleton Factory's *Little Red Devil*) as the reluctant hero who witnesses his wife murdered and his children abducted by these creatures from below. After everything settles down he disappears for five years and comes back to warn the community of what is happening.

Brunswick said they like to keep things local especially now that Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently approved a bill that would give moviemakers a 40 percent tax credit on films made in Michigan—the best film incentive in the country right now.

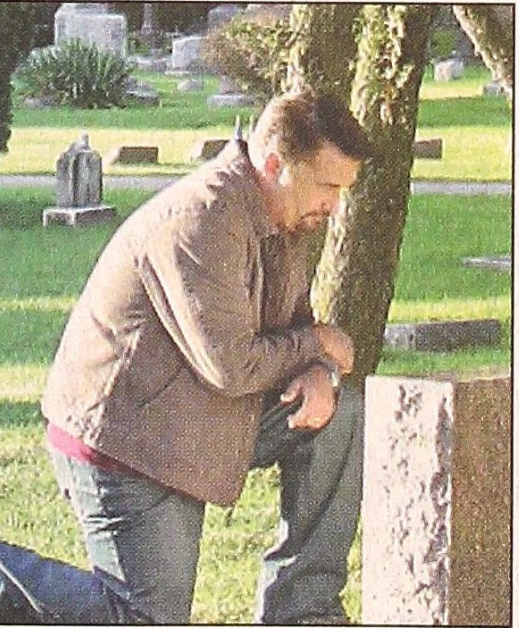
Tuscan Café and As the Page Turns in Northville were host to some scenes for *Born of Earth*.

"Northville has that hometown Midwest feel about it," Todd Brunswick said. "It has a lot of those mom-and-pop shops. It just has a real nice feel to it."

"It's like the set is already dressed for us," added his wife. "You go in there and it's almost exactly what we want. It was especially nice in the fall."

The premier of *Born of Earth* is tonight (Thursday, April 17) with two show times—7 and 9 p.m. at the Emagine Theater Novi located at 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi 48377. Doors open at 6 p.m. The 9 p.m. screening is a double feature with *Little Red Devil*. The films are rated R and all tickets are \$10. For more information and to buy tickets log on to www.myspace.com/theskeletonfactory.

Look for the movie review next week's edition of *The Scene*.



Actor Daniel Baldwin appears in the latest Brunswick movie and was in their film *Little Red Devil*.



Todd and Tammy Brunswick admire the special effects work on one of their performers.

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1:30pm-6:30pm

Barth Elementary 734-532-1250
1:30pm-6:30pm

Shelby says technology, support needed at schools

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Darran Shelby may not be a familiar face in the political arena, but for many students who passed through Romulus High School, he is immediately recognizable.

Shelby – a Romulus police officer who was previously assigned to the high school for three years – is seeking one of two available four-year terms on the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education.

He said his experiences at the school has given him a unique perspective about education in general, and about the growing needs of school children living within the district.

“I learned a lot about the schools when I was at the high school,” he said. “I had a chance to

interact one-on-one with the students, parents, the teachers and the administration. Because of the needs students have within the district – many are in a low income setting – we need to develop goals that challenge the students and meet their needs.”

If elected, Shelby said he would seek to increase the amount of technology at the district, keep a watchful eye on finances and enrollment, and increase professional development opportunities for teachers.

“Technology is a big issue going forward because if we want to make sure students get an up-to-date education, we need to make an investment,” he said.

“I foresee a day when students are in a large interactive classroom where they can take advantage of technology-based lessons that

interface with students in other schools, and even other countries,” he said.

Though Shelby said that level is technological development is down the road, he said keeping an eye on the budget is a good first step in not only meeting that goal, but others as well.

“We need to have a plan in place when it comes to finances,” he said. “It seems that concrete plans are not in place when we know when (there are expected revenue cuts).

Teacher development is another issue for the candidate.

“One of the things that I noticed when I was working with the teachers was that they just didn’t seem to have the kinds of professional development opportunities they needed,” he said. “They are the ones dealing with students directly, and we can’t expect that students

will have the skill set they need if the teachers don’t have these opportunities.”

Enrollment is still an issue, and though the district has a limited Schools of Choice program that allows students living outside the district to attend Romulus schools, Shelby believes the program should be open to all ages and facilities.

“I think if people want to send their student to Romulus Community Schools, then we should accept them,” he said.

Shelby grew up in Ecorse in a single-family home, so he said he is able to relate to some of the issues students are facing. He has been a police officer for 13 years, first in River Rouge, then Detroit, and finally Romulus.

The candidate has a bachelor’s degree from Eastern Michigan



Darran Shelby

University in law enforcement administration and an associates’ degree from Wayne County Community College in criminal justice.

Shelby is facing four challengers for the board seat. The school election is May 6.

Calendar of events

Caregivers receive support

People charged with the responsibility of caring for elderly relatives are invited to seek additional information and support at the Romulus Senior Center, which is hosting a series of caregivers’ forums.

The forums will take place from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. every fourth Wednesday of the month.

Caregivers will share experiences, resources and information, and information regarding dementia/Alzheimer’s Disease will be provided, according to organizers.

For more information, call Nancy Coman of the Wayne Metro Caregivers Association at (313) 843-2550 ex. 233.

City-wide garage sale is coming

Residents who want to rid themselves of some things that have been cluttering their homes can do so on the weekend of May 15-18 during the annual city-wide garage sale.

The sale gives residents the opportunity to have a yard sale without a paying for a permit.

However, residents planning to have a garage sale must complete a no-fee permit at the Parks and Recreation Department by 5 p.m. April 23.

For more information, call Romulus Parks and Recreation at (734) 941-8665.

Scrapbooking adventure set

The Romulus Recreation Department is hosting a series of scrap booking get-togethers at the Shook Road location.

At the class, which is limited to the first 12 people who sign up, includes at least 3 feet of crop space; snacks, water and dinner; supplies; a raffle drawing for a additional fee, and a door prize drawing.

All classes will take place from noon-9 p.m. Classes are open to adults 16 and older.

The cost of individual classes is \$20 (cash only).

For more information, call Romulus Parks and Recreation at (734) 941-8665.

Mom-to-mom sale

Moms who seek to obtain high-quality used items are invited to the annual city Mom-to-Mom sale.

The sale is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 10 at the Romulus Progressive Hall, 11580 Ozga Road.

Table rental is \$20 for a 10-foot by 8-foot space with a table. Space is limited, and early registration is encouraged.

Concessions will be available.

For more information, call Romulus Parks and Recreation at (734) 941-8665.

Yoga classes offered

Join instructor Belinda Patrick for a beginner class that focuses on moving the body in a mindful and gentle way.

The goal of gentle yoga is to reduce stress, improve flexibility, strength, balance, and promote overall well-being, organizers said. Participants will be required to bring a yoga mat.

Other props will be used and discussed in class.

The classes will take place at the Romulus Recreation Department from noon until 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Costs for new students are \$42 for a one-class cycle, and \$78 for a two-class cycle. Returning students can take part in the classes for \$40 and \$60, respectively.

— Compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen. To publish an event, send an e-mail to mtippen@journalgroup.com.

Mary Gear, 94, dies

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Mary Adele Gear occupied many roles in her long life.

She was one of the first women to fill the “Rosie the Riveter” role, working on B-52 aircraft to aid in the war effort. Alongside her husband, she was a sole proprietor of a party store. Later she was a psychiatric nurse and of course, a devoted wife and mother.

Mrs. Gear, the mother of Romulus Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear, died March 24 after an extended illness. She was 94 years old.

Born July 7, 1913 in Union Springs, Ala., Mrs. Gear was the daughter of William and Cora Lee Crawford. In 1916, the Crawfords moved to Chicago, where Mrs. Gear graduated from Wendell Phillips High School in 1927.

In 1931, she met and married Randolph Gear, Sr., and the couple had three children: Randolph Jr., Richard and Gwendolyn.

In 1942, the couple moved from Illinois to Michigan, where Randolph Sr. found work at Ford Motor Co., and Mrs. Gear found work at Willow Run Airport, where she

worked on planes.

The couple settled in Romulus, where Mrs. Gear spent the rest of her life.

The couple opened Gear’s Party Store, which was open for several years. Eventually, Mrs. Gear changed careers entirely and studied to become a mental health nurse. She worked at the Eloise Hospital for 30 years.

While working and after her retirement, Mrs. Gear was involved in several community activities, both in and out of the political arena. She became very active with the Romulus Democratic Club, working to organize events in the city for local and statewide candidates.

Two candidates she particularly favored include Gov. G. Mennen Williams and her son, Randolph. For Randolph Jr.’s campaign volunteers, Mrs. Gear would often make chili.

Mrs. Gear worshipped at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Romulus for several years, and served in the Altar Society and worked with sick people and shut-ins. As a parent at St. Aloysius School, she served as a member of the Parent-Teacher Association.

To honor Mrs. Gear’s memory,



Mary Gear

Mayor Alan Lambert issued a proclamation naming March 24 Mary A. Gear Day in Romulus.

Mary Adele Gear is survived by her sons, Randolph Jr. (Shawn) and Richard, both of Romulus, and her daughter, Gwendolyn Henderson, of Ann Arbor. She is also survived by her cousin, Olivia Cephus; two granddaughters, Joyce and Sherry, and a host of other family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Chapel of the Chimes in Westland.

Services took place March 29, 2008, at St. Aloysius Church in Romulus, with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Mrs. Gear’s final resting place is at Westlawn Cemetery in Wayne.

Amtrak train kills Inkster woman

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

An Inkster woman lost her life Tuesday afternoon after she was struck by an Amtrak train.

Investigators say the woman was traveling on foot in a neighborhood near Trowbridge Street and John Daly Road at about 1 p.m. when she attempted to cross two sets of railroad tracks that run through the area.

The woman was apparently decapitated, police said.

The train was traveling at about 79 mph in a westbound direction when it struck the woman, who was walking several feet from a gated crossing, said Inkster Deputy Police Chief Dennis Watkins.

“As far as we can tell, she was thrown in a west of the train,” he said. “Unfortunately, people cross the track all the time because they’re just going from neighborhood to neighborhood.”

Detective Sgt. Paul Martin said

investigators have tentatively identified the woman. He added that the department is awaiting confirmation through fingerprint analysis, and that the department would release the woman’s name after her family is notified of her death.

Police arrived at the scene shortly after it occurred. In some tall grass near the tracks, they found the deceased woman. She is described as a black female in her late 20s or early 30s, and may have lived in the immediate area, Watkins said.

“We don’t know what she was doing out here – there was a purse and a bag found near her with some personal items like clothing, but there were no groceries or anything that would indicate where she had been before this happened,” said Watkins.

By 1:30 p.m., railroad investigators joined police in the effort to learn more about what happened to the woman.

Watkins said the situation will be investigated like an automobile

injury-accident, and that the train engineer will undergo a Breathalyzer test. Watkins said that is generally a standard practice of law enforcement when a train accident occurs.

A resident who lives in the area who watched the investigation unfold said he’s never seen an accident like this along the stretch of track near Trowbridge.

“There are always a lot of people walking around,” said the resident, who requested anonymity. “I can’t remember anyone being hit by the train, though.”

Because trains travel at such a high rate of speed, they cannot easily stop if an engineer notices a person obstructing the track.

Watkins said residents need to be mindful of those things as they walk near the tracks.

“It’s a sad situation, but I cannot say it enough. People need to stop walking along the tracks, and they need to cross at a crosswalk,” he said.

Budget

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of changes in government,” he said.

Fuel costs are causing the most concern at city hall when it comes to finances because that’s essentially a fixed cost, said Crova.

“Energy costs are skyrocketing; I don’t know that there’s anything we can do differently given the size of our fleet,” Crova said.

Scores

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meeting expectations, and ninth grade student also struggled with social studies – slightly less than half of the students who took the test passed.

Messages left for Romulus Superintendent of Schools Carl Weiss were not immediately returned Wednesday.

State Superintendent of Public

The budget presented Monday night could be changed significantly before it heads to the full council for a vote in the early part of May, said Hoffman.

A public hearing to air the specifics of the budget will take place in early May for public input before the council votes to approve or deny the document.

After it is approved, a copy of the final budget must be filed with the state, in accordance with state law.

Instruction Mike Flanagan noted that even though reading scores fell slightly this year, more than 70 percent of the students at each grade level tested were proficient, as they were in math, science, and social studies.

“A 70 percent pass rate is adequate, but not good enough for Michigan,” said Flanagan. “I continue to be concerned for the 30 percent of the students not making the grade as if they were my own children.”

Airport

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Details about the Master Plan will be provided using informational displays, and representatives from the authority planning team will be available throughout each session to personally address participant’s questions and concerns.

Community members are encouraged to stop-by at any time during any of the open houses and to stay until all of their questions are answered, airport officials said.

“By providing 18 hours of availability across three different dates when airport stakeholders can drop-in at their leisure, this ‘open house’ format will provide community members with several chances to interact one-on-one directly with a member of the authority’s planning team,” Robinson said.

The meetings are being planned

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Lester Robinson

to better inform the public of the specifics of the plan, and what effect it will have on area residents. When the seven members of the airport authority board met March 20, they elected to defer action on the plan to the May 22 meeting to allow additional time for community concerns to be addressed.

The airport plan has been bitterly opposed by city officials because it would likely reduce the size of the city by 7 percent, which would result in a substantial loss in revenues. The city would also lose several homes and businesses to make room for a fifth runway – the most hotly-protested aspect of the plan.

Airport officials believe implementation would be good for the region.

“A strong Master Plan is essential to ensuring that the airport remains among the safest, most reliable and most efficient air transport hubs in the world and a powerful economic engine for Southeast Michigan,” Robinson said.

The plan would be implemented if passenger traffic increases by 2.3 percent annually, according to the airport.

The forums will take place at the Metropolitan Hotel, 31500 Wick Road, in Romulus.

OPINION

Tough choices for Wayne-Westland school board

At a time that is critical for school districts across the state, it's nice to see a good field of candidates seeking election to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education.

The school board will see a change this year, since incumbent Terrance McClain is stepping down. That is a sad thing since he has done such a good job on the board, but we're confident that there is enough experience on the board to continue to serve the community well.

Voters will have a choice of five candidates to fill the two open seats on the board: Incumbent Cindy Schofield, Brian Mulligan, who campaigned for the seat four years ago, along with Bill Gabriel, Jennifer Finley and Shawna Walker. We think the community would be best served by returning Schofield to the post and sending Finley along, too.

Returning Schofield to the board is really a no-brainer. She's done a tremendous job in her time on the board and has given no reason for anyone to vote her off. The district has taken steps in the right direction during her tenure—the facilities have never looked better, and test scores are creeping up—and we expect continued progress with her involved

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in the mix. She brings a well-rounded perspective to the board, too, since her husband is a teacher and in her day job she deals with people with diverse economic backgrounds.

With McClain's departure and the existing veteran leadership on the board, it's actually a good time for a newcomer to get involved. We've always thought that residents don't need an extended political pedigree to be a successful member of the school board; they don't need to have all the answers, just ideas and the will and desire to help out.

That being said, it was a difficult choice between Walker and Finley. We liked them both and are confident either would make a positive addition to the board. We give Finley the nod primarily because of her background. With seven adopted children, she is familiar with the issues faced by both regular and special education students. A nurse with the University of Michigan, she has also helped start up nursing homes and has management and budgetary experience. She showed a love of her hometown—the City of Wayne—that was refreshing, too. If she's not successful in this endeavor, we hope she considers a run for city council when those seats open up next year.

School districts across the state face a number of challenges in the coming year. The Wayne-Westland district will be best served by a combination of veteran leadership and interested newcomers. Voters should select Cindy Schofield and Jennifer Finley on May 6.

Editor's note: Endorsements in other school races will be printed in subsequent weeks.

Pension proposals merit voter's approval

Voters in the City of Wayne will face more than a school election when they go to the polls May 6.

There will be two proposals on the ballot regarding the transfer of current retirees to the Municipal Employee Retirement System.

In the grand scheme of things, this is not a major issue, but it is important for the future of current and future employees.

There are two things to consider when casting a vote on these issues: first of all, they will not diminish any benefits for any retirees. That's actually prohibited by the Michigan constitution.

Secondly, it will save the city money.

With that in mind, Wayne residents should vote 'yes' on the proposals.

This is primarily a technical issue. Most active city employee unions have already agreed to the change, but conversations are still under way with the Police Command Officers Association and Patrol Officers Association. The city could have probably initiated the change for retirees without a vote of the people, but opted to do it this way because it's a sensitive issue and the administration thought it was only appropriate for the people to have their say.

The switch will have long-term benefits to retirees and the city itself. There is more stability in a program that has 700 other municipal clients than in the Wayne standalone system. The city will save money in what it has to contribute to it and in the staff time the switch will clear up.

Voters should approve both measures. Wayne retirees put in many long years of hard work for the city. They deserve the best for their futures.

National tournament benefits roll into area

It took a lot of hard work to bring the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Women's Championship Tournament to Canton Township.

Roger Philipi, director of operations for Community Bowling Centers and head of the Detroit Host Committee, said it took about a decade to bring the tournament to Canton Township—about 54 years after its last appearance in the Detroit metro area.

It probably helped that the community has grown up around the Superbowl on Ford Road, where the tournament takes place. The state roadway is much maligned because of traffic difficulties and still-less than ideal appearance, but it provides the perfect alley for the 40,000 bowlers expected to show up during the 88-day tournament.

Consider the number of restaur-

ants between the alley and the freeway alone; the types of shops, the hotels for visiting bowlers and, yes, the IKEA store. All of this works together to make the township an attractive regional draw.

The tournament has been hyped as a regional economic engine, too. And anyone who has stepped out to eat at a Canton restaurant lately has seen that it's already working. We were a little

skeptical, at first, of the estimated \$40 million the tournament will bring to the region but the influx of new people has borne that out—at least in the early going.

We think the people responsible for bringing the event to the community—and those responsible for the smart development that made it into a desirable place to come—deserve a round of applause. This is the kind of thing that is right up Canton's alley.

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Board members are people too

There is an easy track to take when protesting budgetary cuts to a municipal board.

Simply 'remind' them that the employees they're talking about are people, not dollar signs.

That's the tactic members of the Northville community took on Monday night during a Northville School Board study session. The board hosted the session at Hillside Middle School, where the forum could accommodate the expected crowd, on the concept of privatizing some services such as custodial, food service and transportation.

Board members looked at it as a necessary investigation—which is all it is at this point, an investigation—while the employees understandably looked at it as a threat and teachers and parents looked at it as a security issue, one that would impact the overall educational experience at Northville schools.

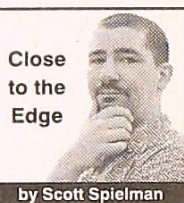
Again, they inferred to a rumor mill as well as a closed-door, behind-the-scenes-conspiracy that the

decision had already taken place and the open sessions were merely for appearances.

Come on.

There are a few things that should be pointed out here. The school board has talked about this issue for more than a year now. They have grudgingly brought it up during previous budget sessions as something they felt they had to investigate in the future; a nod to the reality that they've already taken drastic steps to cut what they could. Every time they brought it up, they pointed out their concern for their staff and reminded everyone in attendance that it wasn't a decision they'd make lightly.

Now that the request for proposals have gone out, the information is back in and the board is deliberating, these concerned employees and parents seem to



Close to the Edge
by Scott Spielman

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Strawberry festival controversy continues

Sure, we've all heard the saying "You can't please everyone," but at the Belleville City Council meeting last week it was more like, "You can't please anyone."

I expected a lively meeting after I saw what was on the agenda—the strawberry festival and the bond issue and initiative petition—and it turns out I wasn't disappointed. The two issues don't technically go hand-and hand, but in a sense are connected. Now that the Main Street paving will not take place on time because of the ballot petition to stop the project, the festival board members decided they want to come back to Main Street for the event.

So all of us who were crammed into council quarters (and those who were standing in the hallway) listened to the festival executive director's proposal, which included moving vendors to Main Street, but leaving the rest of the activities at Belleville High School. Overall, business owners, residents and councilmembers all responded with a 'no' to the move.

While I honestly empathize with the residents who had their

homes trashed from festival traffic and business owners who lost sales last year, I do, however, feel that part of the festival belongs on Main Street. To me (and many others) Main Street is just part of the strawberry event. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying I'm opposed to having it at the high school because it just might be better, it's just a shame that it has to change because of last year. Of course I don't encourage any repetition of that incident, but with enough police presence, it is something that can be controlled. As for the businesses, why not try to become more involved in the festival with booths, sidewalk sales or special promotions to take advantage of the weekend?

There will always be those who will start trouble no matter where or what the circumstance may be, but if the festival is willing to pay the price—meaning dollars and cents—for safety, then what's the problem? Especially when other surrounding communities—Plymouth, Northville and Ann Arbor to name a few—do similar events with minimal problems.

After all, hasn't the festival operated for 30 years prior without a major incident?

That agenda item was just the warm-up, though, because the meeting took a turn for the worst during the ballot referendum petition discussion. To sum it up as quickly as possible: downtown business owners said they feel left in the dark about the project, but want to be involved in the process; residents said they're confused and feel the waters are being clouded with the addition of the Walker Development, and council members said the issue is now up to the voters.

The bottom line is Main Street needs to be paved and it's going to affect everyone involved no matter what the solution. People talk of 'working together,' but as an outsider looking in, I just don't see it. I agree with Councilman George Chedraue, who noted that it is sad it's gotten to this point. Maybe Belleville would be a happier place if they sang 'kumbayah.'

If only it were that easy.



King's Court
by Andrea King

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Rising high

Local pizza maker ranks 2nd in competition

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Sam Costello knew the pizza he made at Gracie See's Pizzeria in Inkster was the best around, and now, he can prove it.

Costello, who along with his father, Tom, traveled to Las Vegas to compete in the International Pizza Expo last week, took away top honors for the North American continent, finishing second only to the country of Italy for the international portion of the showdown.

Gracie's owners hope that the new designation will bring pizza lovers into the Michigan Avenue location.

"We're proud of the award, there's no doubt about it," said Sam Costello from his restaurant last week.

"We've been doing this for many, many years – we use all fresh ingredients, and that sets us apart from other pizzas you would get at other places," he added.

The pizzeria opened in Inkster about three years ago, but has been a fixture in Detroit since it first opened in 1968. Like the Detroit location, the Inkster eatery boasts a healthy dose of Italian authenticity, from the posters of Italian-American actors and celebrities like Al Pacino and

Frank Sinatra, to the kitschy T-shirts that read, "I Whacked the Godfather" that are on display, or for sale.

The atmosphere and the history are part of what led the pizzeria to victory last week in Las Vegas, Sam Costello said.

“We’re proud of the award, there’s no doubt about it.”

Sam Costello

"We put a lot of work into what we do," he said.

This year, 70 pizzerias took part in the competition. The businesses were broken down by group – Gracie's took the first-place sport for the Mid-Americas classification. On the second day of the competition, the winners of each sub-group went head-to-head by making a meat lover's special. An Italian pie came out on top, but Sam Costello said that not surprising.

Costello took home a \$2,500 prize, but the win isn't necessarily about the money, he said.

"Every business that has done well in this competition has seen a

boom in their business," he said. "This is more about the exposure than it is about the prize."

There will be quite a bit of exposure. In several months, the competition will be highlighted on the Food Network, which means the business will receive a plug in thousands of local households that subscribe to basic cable.

Costello hopes the exposure will bring new customers to both locations, though he said business is moving along nicely in both Detroit and Inkster.

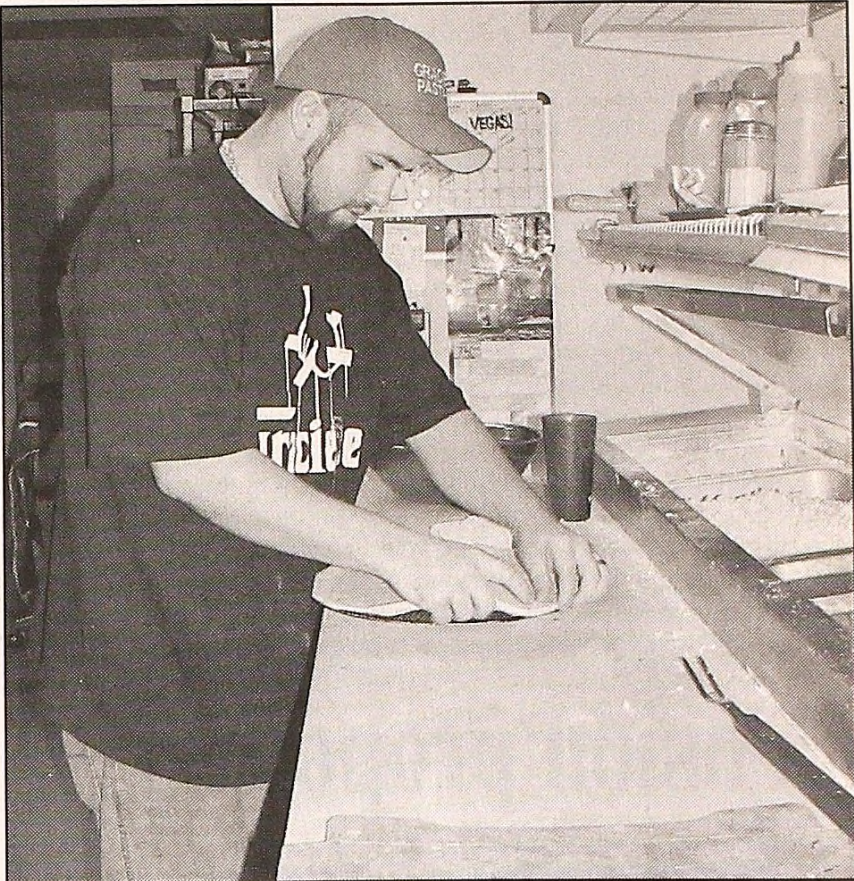
"In Inkster, we do mostly carry-out business instead of sit-down business, and it's pretty much the opposite in Detroit," he said.

John Ambiuzzino, a longtime customer, said he often stops at Gracie's for the pizza.

"It's the best around," he said. "I can see why they won the award."

Though the award is a shot in the arm for the business, Costello said his immediate plans for the Inkster business is to keep doing what they've been at for more than 40 years – making pizza that is cooked with the not-so-secret ingredient of Italian pride.

"The best thing about our pizza is that we enjoy making it," Costello said.



Sam Costello works freshly made dough in the kitchen of Gracie See pizzeria in Inkster.

Food pantry seeks help

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

As families throughout the area cope with challenging financial situations, many have turned to the Salvation Army for assistance in meeting basic needs.

Now, however, it is the Salvation Army that needs help. According to Capt. Matthew O'Neil of the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps, the Corps usually receives regular charitable funding to help stock the food pantry it offers for residents in need of assistance. The division of the Salvation Army serves residents of Inkster, Romulus, and New Boston as well as Wayne and Westland.

"We have been seeing a lot of people—it has gone up," he said. "There are a lot of new people."

Despite the increasing need, however, the funding needed to sustain the service hasn't materialized recently.

"We're running a little low," he said.

In an effort to keep the shelves stocked

and to prevent a concerning situation from developing into a full-fledged problem, O'Neil said that he is hoping that community members will get involved to help nip the shortages in the bud.

The Salvation Army accepts donations of canned goods and nonperishable foods of all kinds for distribution at the food pantry. According to O'Neil, items such as canned tuna fish or canned meat are at the top of their wish list although the pantry can use just about everything, from cereal to soup.

He said that the post is also interested in involving groups in the effort to find the supplies needed to stock the pantry.

"We're also looking for companies to host food drives," said O'Neil.

For more information or to arrange a food drive, individuals are asked to contact Sandy at (734) 722-3660. Donations can be dropped off at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The facility is located at 2300 Venoy Road between Palmer and Glenwood roads in Westland.

Cuts

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feel there is a big rush to get it done—and do it in secret.

I don't believe that's the case here. I think the school board members are looking at it because it's their job, essentially. They are given the task of providing the best possible education to Northville students. The community has already told them to do it with the budget they have. Residents have already let it be known that they like the small class sizes, the many programs available to students.

Yet there are still financial realities. Districts across the state are facing this. They tend to get a small increase in per-pupil funding every year, but increases in costs like utility bills and retirement—which is mandated by the state—far exceed that 'raise.' In essence, every year they're looking to provide the same services with less funding.

It might be helpful to look at this not as something the board members want to do, but as something they have to look into as a fiduciary responsibility. They don't need to be reminded of the human factor, either—

the fact that board members responded to most of those who commented on a first-name basis is a good clue to that.

I also personally find it ironic that many of the people who were arguing to keep these services in the district were the teachers who worked along side the custodians and food service employees, too. The contract that the teacher's union agreed to is one of the things that helped put the district in this tough fiscal position—at the very least, it didn't help the situation.

It's also a reason the district can't 'cut from the top, instead of the bottom,' as someone pointed out—to a big round of applause. If you factor in the pay increases, the step increases and all that, it sets the foundation for what administrators make in the first place. Northville is in line with other districts in the ratio between administrators and support staff.

This will obviously be a difficult issue for the board and one that will generate plenty of discussion. I'm not personally in favor of this kind of move—I think savings generally realized in the short term are lost in the long term—but I don't think anyone actually wants it to happen. But you can't always make everyone happy. Sometimes you have to make the best decision, no matter how difficult it is, and let history decide the rest.

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CITY OF ROMULUS BID 07/08-27 DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE CONSOLIDATED REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR 90 DAY FIXED COLD PATCH PRICING

The City of Romulus, Michigan is participating along with the Downriver Community Conference (DCC), a consortium of seventeen (17) other downriver government agencies, to acquire ninety day fixed pricing for the acquisition cold patch to be used for the repair of local roadways.

Firms wishing to submit bids should contact Dave Weidenbach, Director of the City of Southgate, Department of Public Services, (734) 258-3079.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the Downriver Community Conference no later than 4:00 pm local time, Thursday, April 17, 2008

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

SEALED BID FOR COLD PATCH/UPM
ATTN: SUE PILON, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE
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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 7349-OQ Rock Salt for Ice Control

The City of Romulus, Michigan is participating along with the Oakland County Road Commission and approximately thirty other southern Michigan government agencies to acquire contract pricing for the acquisition of rock salt for the 2008/2009 snow removal season.

Firms wishing to submit bids should contact the Purchasing Division of the Road Commission of Oakland County, 31001 Lasher Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 (248-645-2000).

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the Road Division - Oakland County, Clerks Office no later than 2:30pm local time, Thursday, May 8, 2008.

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ROAD DIVISION - OAKLAND COUNTY
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For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus Purchasing Agent, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us

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CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING 7000 MERRIMAN ROAD

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2008** for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has set the public hearing to consider two (2) variances from the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance: 1) A variance from Section 4.25.D.2 to allow a 90.50-square foot freestanding sign. The Sign Ordinance only permits a maximum sign area of 64-square feet; therefore, a 26.50-square foot variance is required; and 2) A variance from Sec. 29-64(b) to allow an illuminated LED sign. The flashing or turning on and off of the sign illumination by any bulb or component part thereof is prohibited. The subject property is located at 7000 Merriman Road. DP# 82-80-012-99-0012-700. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, May 7, 2008 and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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Some surprise performances
save the lackluster script

Det. Tom Ludlow (Keanu Reeves) is the type of officer that gives cops every-where a bad name.

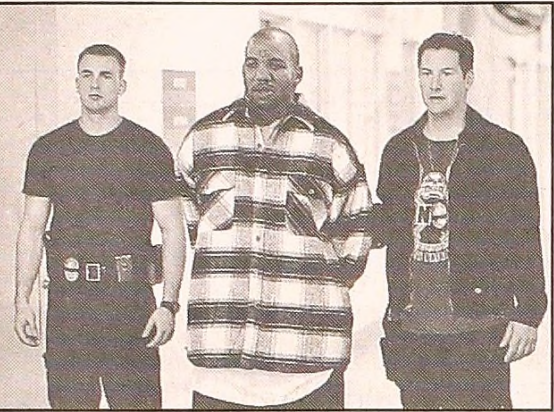
He's an alcoholic, a liar, a drug dealer and vigilante among several other unflattering things. But as my grandmother used to say, a broken clock is still right two times a day.

Ludlow is the main character in *Street Kings*, a movie directed by David Ayer. Ludlow finds himself on a quest to revenge the death of his former partner, Terrence Washington (Terry Crews) who was gunned down by two criminals during a liquor store robbery.

Filled with rage, Ludlow wants to bring the killers to justice, but he is advised to sit the investigation out by his direct supervisor, Capt. Jack Wander, who is the leader of a highly regarded and skilled vice-squad of Los Angeles police officers, of which Ludlow is a part.

Ludlow was transferred to a desk job but was frequently visited by Capt. Briggs (Hugh Laurie) an internal affairs officer who Wander has convinced Ludlow is after him.

Unsatisfied by the desk assignment, Ludlow reaches out to Det. Diskant (Chris Evans) the lead investigator of Washington's murder to assist in the investigation.



Through some investigative work and some luck, the duo is able to track down the two men responsible for the murder through their informant, Scribble (Cedric the Entertainer).

Their discovery of the men responsible for Washington's murder leads to more questions than answers as a series of twists and violent confrontations lead to Ludlow being wanted for two murders involving undercover agents.

As Ludlow works to clear his name, he must also save his former partner's wife (Naomie Harris) whose life Ludlow unintentionally placed in peril.

The ending of the movie comes with a major surprise that will shock some and could potentially place Ludlow in a different light.

Overall, the film is a mixed bag. Reeves and Whitaker give great performances despite the script limitations.

The surprise star of the show is Grammy award winning hip-hop artist Common, who plays Coates. Appearances are also made by rap star The Game and Jay Mohr, who plays Sgt. Clady.

It's not *Training Day*, but it's an intriguing cop thriller nonetheless.



Reviewed By
Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer

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1. Obituaries

ALEXANDER, Emily L. April 9, 2008 age 77 of Canton, formerly of Tennessee. Beloved wife of the late William Alexander. Dear mother of John (Ingeborg), Brenda Kersey, William, Jr., and the late Emily Boyce. Daughter of the late Wayne and Mildred Littleton. Grandmother of Gary Alan Blackburn, Jessica Kersey, Jason Boyce, Angela Boyce and Jacob Gibbons. Great grandmother of Emma and Sadie Blackburn. Local services were held Friday April 11, 2008 at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with Pastor bob McDonald officiating. Burial in Walker Cemetery, Cottage Grove, TN. Please visit and post a note of condolence at www.uhtfh.com.

ALVORD, Nancy L. April 11, 2008 age 73 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Dear mother of Donald (Deanne) Dowell, David (Carolyn) Dowell, Terri Smith, Rhonda Check, Carol (Dennis) Smith, Michael Dowell and Mitchell (Karen) Dowell. Sister of Rose Teehan. Grandmother of 22, great grandmother of 20. Services were held Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with Fr. Jack Baker officiating. Burial was at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Please visit and post a note of condolence at www.uhtfh.com.

ARGY, Judith A. April 4, 2008 age 63 of Canton. Beloved wife of the late Michael Argy. Dear mother of Elizabeth (Larry) Little, Aris (Stefanie) Argy and Anna (Steve) Moll. Loving grandmother of Tiffany, Anthony, Tyler, Angel, Riley, Kevin, Sara, Alyssa, Mary, Samantha, Sean and Steve and great grandmother of Mackenzie. Also survived by siblings, Larry, Dorothy, Catherine, Rose and Patsy. Family received friends at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland and Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Mary Church, Wayne, with Fr. Jack Baker officiating. Burial was at Maple Grove Cemetery, Westland. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com.

CURL, Terris Jean, April 1, 2008 age 67 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late Richard Curl. Dear mother of Michael (Tammy) Baker. Step mother of Kevin Curl, Timothy (Lynn) Curl, Robert Curl and Christopher (Melanie) Curl. Loving daughter of Paulita and the late Dalton Spears. Grandmother of 15, great grandmother of 3. Services were held Saturday April 5, 2008 at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with Mr. Dan Goddard officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery West. Please visit and post a note of condolence at www.uhtfh.com.

MILLER, Joseph Glenn Sr., age 67 of Wayne, MI, died 4/4/2008. He was born 8/5/1940 in Huntsville, AL. Joseph is survived by his loving wife, Ora Shahan Miller; his children, Joseph (Joann) Miller Jr., Patricia (Archie) Davenport, James Miller, Diane Miller, Michael Miller, Trina Miller, Pamela Miller and Raymond Miller; 17 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Matthew Miller and Mary Joe Clark Miller. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Pastor Calvin Brown officiating. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Uht Funeral Home, Westland, MI.

PRYOR, Roger L., age 71 of Belleville, died April 6, 2008. Beloved husband of Shirley M. (Selvia). Dear father of Kevin C. Pryor, Sherry (Gerald) Regits, Robin Trackwell and Michele Pierce. Grandfather of eleven and great grandfather of thirteen. Brother of Lloyd (Carol) Pryor. Roger was preceded in death by his son Roger D. Pryor, brother Herbert and sisters Olive and Edith. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park. Services were held at, and final arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, MI. www.cranefuneralhome.net

ROBERTSON, Bruce, April 5, 2008 age 67 of Wayne. Beloved husband of Joanne. Dear father of Heather (Jerry) Robertson Mitchell. Brother of Patricia (Carl) Stano. Grandfather of Quinn Miller, Matthew and Anthony Mitchell. Services were held Friday April 11, 2008 at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with Fr. Gerard Bechard officiating. Military honors bestowed by Armvets and US Navy Honor Guards. Cremation rites accorded. Memorials to the Dearborn Animal Shelter would be appreciated. Please visit and post a note of condolence at www.uhtfh.com.

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1FALP52U1SG180451

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1G2NW15M3SC822772

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1GTFK24K2JE511872

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1B3EJ46X9WN326262

1992 GMC PU
1GTCS14R1N0514503

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2B4FP2536XR386344

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JM3LV5220M0309894

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1J4EZ58Y4TC115779

1995 Ford PU
1FTEX15N9SKB74720

1986 Ford PU
1FTHX25L9GKA73430

1995 Mercury SW
4M2DV11W0SDJ16980

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SPORTS

Northville tops Canton, 2-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Northville senior pitcher Allison Holmes struck out the first 10 batters she faced Monday to help her Lady Mustangs to a 2-0 victory over Canton.

Northville remains undefeated 6-0 overall and 1-0 in the Western Lakes West division.

Holmes only allowed two hits in the game and finished with 14 strikeouts.

"Allison pitched amazing," said Northville Coach Teryn Chrzanowski. "The defense backed her up when the ball was put in play."

After two-and-a-half scoreless innings, Northville got on the board when junior catcher and hitting sensation Sarah Rounsifer drilled a two-out double to score senior Jenna Dumbleton from first.

Northville loaded up the bases in the top of the seventh and Dumbleton came through with an insurance RBI single to put the game away.

"We faced a tough pitcher and the girls did a great job putting the bat on the ball and laying off bad pitches," said Chrzanowski. "We left a lot of base runners, but we had two big hits from Sarah Rounsifer and Jenna Dumbleton when we needed them. I'm very proud of the way the girls are playing."

Freshman Mary Rounsifer was 2-for-3 on the day. Senior Brittany

Birdsall was 1-for-4 with a double and senior Alex Kaszuba added a hit.

The loss stumped the Lady Chiefs' momentum coming off 2-0 win in their first game of the season against Walled Lake Northern on Friday.

Senior Hillary Payne pitched a no-hitter through six innings and sat down 13 batters. Canton scored both of their runs in the fifth inning off singles by juniors Miranda Rysdorp and Shelby Anthony.

"We hit the ball," said Canton Coach Tim Arnold, "but we didn't hit with authority. That's something we have to work on."

Canton is now 1-1 this season.

Northville was successful on Friday, too, knocking off visiting Stevenson, 7-4.

Rounsifer came up huge at the plate, nailing a two-run homer in the first inning to start things off.

Senior Jamie Cotrone had a triple and Birdsall was 2-for-4 and scored twice.

Jenna Dumbleton (3-0) earned the win with 7 strikeouts and 3 earned runs.

Northville hosts Wayne at 4 p.m. on Friday and heads to Plymouth at 4 p.m. on Monday. They host Walled Lake Central at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Canton is at Plymouth at 4 p.m. on Friday and participates in the Macomb Classic on Saturday and Sunday. The Chiefs host Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m. on Monday and Stevenson on Wednesday.



Ignition goalkeeper Danny Waltman, right, owns the best save percentage (.744) in the league going into the playoff this week

Fired up Ignition ready for playoff run

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

If the playoffs go the way that the Detroit Ignition's practices go, the team's future opponents will have to scurry for cover.

The Ignition had last week off and put it to good use with intense, nearly bone-crushing, practices to keep their edge. They have a lot riding this week as the squad heads into the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) semifinal playoffs as the best team in the league.

The Detroit Ignition will face the expansion La Raza de Monterrey in the semifinal round of the championship series. The match-up was solidified after Monterrey defeated the Chicago Storm in Game 2 and the "Golden Goal" game of the quarterfinals on Sunday.

There's no pressure, though.

Detroit is the top team for a reason.

The Ignition finished the season 22-8. They were nearly as good on the road (10-5) as they were at home (12-3). They scored 455 points—a league best—and had the third best goals against record by only allowing 310 in the 30-game season.

Detroit has five players in the top-20 list of regular season point leaders. That's the most of any team in the league.

Jamar Beasley led the team with 82 points and was fifth in the league with 33 goals. He adds explosiveness when he's on the turf and when he doesn't score he garners a lot of attention from opposing defenses, allowing others scoring opportunities.

Hewerton Moreira was fifth in the league with 24 assists that helped him reach 77 points for the season. Ryan Mack had a breakout

year with 66 points and team captain Droo Callahan was also on the leader board with 62. Callahan was second in the league with 62 blocks. Ricardinho made the list with 58 points on the season.

It's no fluke that the Ignition is at the top of standings for the second consecutive year.

"It probably has to do with the beginning with Greg Bibb and Mark Pulisic creating a nucleus last year," Callahan said. "A lot of that nucleus carried over to this year with Beasley—a marquee player continuing his success from last year. But then you have the Hewerton who's escalated his game and has become one of the premier forwards in the league. It really comes down to a nucleus of seven to 10 guys that have really gained confidence as a group."

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Canton freshman Heidi Lucke gets back to first in time during the Lady chief's home and season opener against Walled Lake Western on Friday. Canton won the game, 2-0, but fell to visiting Northville, 2-0 on Monday.

Photo by Ken Garner

'Cats split with Salem

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Wildcats split their doubleheader with cross-campus rival Salem on Saturday.

Salem broke the first game wide open when a six run fifth opened the floodgates for a 9-2 victory.

Chris Kordick pitched a two hit-ter through five innings with three strikeouts for Salem. Sam Ott closed out the game, striking out four.

Matt Woster drilled a home run. Dana Lorber had two RBIs and Heath Parling, Justin Horger and Joe Posler each had RBI singles in the win.

"I thought both teams played well for an early season game," said Plymouth Coach Chuck Adams. We didn't execute on a few bunts and it really cost us. Sometimes early in a season those things will happen. I have no doubt we will improve in that area as the season progresses."

Plymouth found its rhythm in the second contest to win 12-1 in five innings.

The Wildcats scored four runs in the fourth inning to give them a

commanding 7-0 advantage. Salem scored its lone run in the fourth, but Plymouth retaliated with three in that frame and finished the game off with two runs in the fifth.

Senior Kyle Traver was a perfect 3-for-3 at bat with four RBIs and two runs. Junior Matt Skubik was 3-for-4 with three RBIs.

Junior Cliff Buttermoer earned the win from the mound.

Kyle Powell hit a home run for Salem's only score.

"Cliff Buttermoer pitched outstanding in the nightcap," Adams said. "He had great command and was able to keep Salem off balance."

The Wildcats, behind the big bat of junior Brad Lineberry, earned a 10-6 victory against Livonia Churchill on Friday, scoring eight runs in the fourth frame.

Lineberry was 3-for-4 at bat with a triple and three RBIs.

Matt Priebe was 2-for-2 with two RBI.

Plymouth is at Northville at 4 p.m. on Monday.

Salem (2-1) hosts Monroe in a doubleheader at 11 a.m. on Saturday.



Mustangs tie Chiefs

The Northville Lady Mustangs battled the visiting Lady Canton Chiefs to a scoreless tie on Monday. Northville knocked off John Glenn, 8-0, last Wednesday. The Mustangs scored seven goals in the first half and the game was called at 32:50 of the second when senior Julia Bawden scored the team's eighth and final goal. It was her second of the day. Sophomore Lauren Lokey scored two. Juniors Karen Mayhall, Jill Alumbaugh and Kathleen Keiffer and sophomore Kelsey Fiscus all scored single goals in the first. Left, Northville senior Sarah Stern (5) makes a move against Glenn senior Kailey Coleman last Wednesday. Below, sophomore Rocket Ali Zarate (9) heads the ball into play against (24).

SPORTS

Belleville Lady Tigers' struggles continue

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Lady Tigers softball team is starting to look a lot like the Detroit Tigers baseball team.

That's what Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis joked about last week after her squad dropped games to Monroe and Kennedy. The losses knocked Belleville down to 1-3 for the season.

Last Monday, Curtis and com-

pany lost a heartbreaker to host Monroe, falling 1-0 in the eighth inning. Two errors led the way—one error put a runner on base and the second scored her.

Junior Samantha Cole pitched a good game, striking out nine. Belleville had an opportunity in the eighth when junior Ashley Mayer hit a one-out triple. Curtis called for a suicide squeeze but the ball was hit right back to the pitcher and ended up a double play.

"I think that we and everyone else expected so much from us this season that we're playing a little tight."

Peggy Curtis

"Sam kept us in the game," Curtis said. "We just didn't get any hits to back her up."

Anything that could go wrong did for Belleville against host Kennedy last Wednesday, according to Curtis. Belleville made five errors in the 4-1 loss.

Cole struck out six in the effort. "We're working on getting things back together," Curtis said. "We're still moving things around and trying to figure things out."

Belleville is at Lincoln Park for

a doubleheader at 4 p.m. on Monday. They host Allen Park at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

"I think that we and everyone else expected so much from us this season that we're playing a little tight," Curtis said. "I still think that we're a good team. I think we need to loosen up and we need to start hitting."

At this point Lady Tigers have a better chance than the Detroit ones of turning the season around.

Ignition

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Goalkeeper Danny Waltman is another key factor in the success of the team this year. In his first year with the Ignition he posted the best save percentage in the MISL, stopping nearly 75 percent of shots that came his way. He racked up a league-best 345 saves.

"That is a perfect example of Mark (Pulisic) and Greg Bibb's diligence in picking the right players," Callahan said. "They picked him up last second and he easily stepped in for Sanaldo and brings a different set of characteristics that have really shown through this year. There have been so many games this year where the team hasn't played well in front of him and he's bailed us out."

The team made it to the championship finale last year as an expansion team but fell short against Philadelphia.

It won't be an easy task to get back to the finals this year. The Ignition will have their work cut out for them in the semis against Monterrey. Detroit posted a 1-2 record against La Raza in the regular season and play Game 1 on the road.

"We know that we can win whether it's on the road or at home," said Head Coach Bob Lilley. "We have to keep our wits about us. It's playoff time and the mistakes are magnified, missed opportunities are magnified—we have to keep our focus for 60 minutes, play for each other and try to keep our discipline."

Detroit hosts Game 2 at 4:35 p.m. on Sunday, April 20 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. A "Golden Goal" mini-match series tie-breaker will be played immediately following Game 2 if necessary.

"If we don't shoot ourselves in the foot we're going to be awfully tough to beat because of our personnel and the form that we're currently in," Lilley said. "We feel if we take care of business, we're the team to beat right now."



Ignition captain Droo Callahan, left, works against Director of Soccer Operations, Mark Pulisic, in an inter-team scrimmage last week at High Velocity Sports in Canton Township.



Ignition Coach Bob Lilley took on referee duties during the scrimmage.

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SPORTS

Romulus Eagles start season, 3-1

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Like every team in the area, the Romulus Eagles varsity baseball team struggled to find good weather for outside practices in to start the season.

That didn't seem to matter. After shaking off the winter cobwebs, the Eagles stormed to a 3-1 record that is one victory away from tying last year's win total. That kind of swing in success can be attributed to one thing—experience.

Last year's roster didn't list a single starting senior on it. There are six this year among the seven returning starters. With experience comes confidence and with confidence comes wins.

"This is the gang that I've had since I started here four years ago," said Romulus Coach Tim Jager. "I consider this my first class of seniors. I've watched them grow and hone their baseball skills over the years. It's amazing to see how much their confidence has improved. This is the highest I've seen it."

The starting seven include senior Derrick Deaton behind the plate. He's a solid signal caller and his at bats will be huge again this year. He was 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored in the Eagles' 11-7 victory in Game 2 of a home doubleheader against Willow Run.

Returning senior right fielder, Jonathan Daugherty was 2-for-4 with an RBI in that game, too.

The team won the first game, 15-1, behind the bats of senior shortstop Steven Hicks and senior first baseman Larry Nastal.

Hicks was 2-for-3 with a two-RBI triple and two runs. Nastal added three RBIs and two runs in the outing.

Hicks earned the win from the mound, too. He had a 10-strikeout

performance and only walked one batter. He pitched the final two innings of the second game and struck out five.

Pitching is key for Romulus. The top three include Hicks and junior newcomer Brad Demoisey. Demoisey threw for four frames in the second game of the doubleheader and struck out five. Senior Chad Williams is the team's ace, according to Jager, and is off to a 2-1 start to the season. He led the team to a 6-1 victory over division foe Edsel Ford last Monday. Edsel Ford was the Mega Blue Champs last year.

"It was a pretty good game for us to open league play with this year," Jager said. "Last year we were 4-12 in league play—we're a whole new team this year especially with senior leadership."

Senior Carl Roscoe is a solid outfielder, playing the left side. The biggest change to the team this year, according to Jager, is the movement of returning junior Levi Adams to third base. Adams spent time between shortstop and second last year.

Junior Jonathan Durtka is new to the team this year but will solidify the infield when he takes on second base.

"He's a solid player with great knowledge of the game," Jager said. "It will be tough to get the ball by him."

Sophomore Michael Statham is another one of the newcomers that will make an immediate impact, according to Jager. He said the speedy Statham has the best base-running ability on the team so far. Sophomore Jesse Norman is a hard worker a vocal leader that will back up Deaton behind the dish, according to Jager.

"We're continuing to get better every day," Jager said. "We have high expectations this year and I think we will be very successful."



Romulus Coach Tim Jager talks with one of his players during the home doubleheader against Willow Run last week. The Eagles won both games and started the season 3-1.



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 24, 2008 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem William Wadsworth.
Present: John Barden, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, William Wadsworth.
Excused: Ellen Craig-Bragg, Randolph Gear.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-075

2. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 10, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Burcroff.
Motion Carried.

3. Petitioners - None.

08-076

4A. Motion by Crout, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution recognizing Jonathan Choate as having attained the highest honor bestowed on a Scout - the Eagle Scout Award.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-077

4B. Motion by Crout, supported by Barden to adopt a memorial resolution to the family of Emma Washington.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-078

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with Carol Mayerich, Human Resources Director and the Policies and Procedures Committee to adopt amended Policies #17 and #18, Benefit Administration for all non-union/non-exempt and executive/exempt employees.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-079

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to concur with Lynn Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, to authorize the purchase and installation of a monitoring device for the City's telephone system from the sole source CTS/Unitel, Inc., in the amount of \$4,700.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-080

5C. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of the Public Safety Director, Charles Kirby and the administration and adopt a resolution to grant

authorization for the mayor and Clerk to enter into the Taylor Firearms Range Agreement from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-081

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Public Safety Director, Charles Kirby to award bid 07/08-14 covert detection equipment for the Police Department to the lowest bidder, CESCO, Campbell/Harris Security Company, in the amount of \$14,725.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-082

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Building Safety Director, Randy McMahan and award bid 07/08-15, Demolition List 07-01 to the lowest bidder, Van Assche Brothers Construction in the amount of \$25,900.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-083

5F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and DPW Director, Thomas Wilson to award bid 07/08-16, Water Valve Exercising Machine for the Department of Public Works to the only bidder, Jack Doheny Companies in the amount of \$5,345.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-084

5G. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Fire Chief, David Allison to award bid 07/08-17, ten (10) training tables for the City of Romulus Fire Department to the lowest bidder, Office Max, in the amount of \$2,991.67.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-085

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 08-06 in the amount of Eight Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand, Twenty Three Dollars and Zero Cent (\$838,023.00).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva W. Webb, Deputy Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Eva W. Webb, Deputy for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 24,2008.

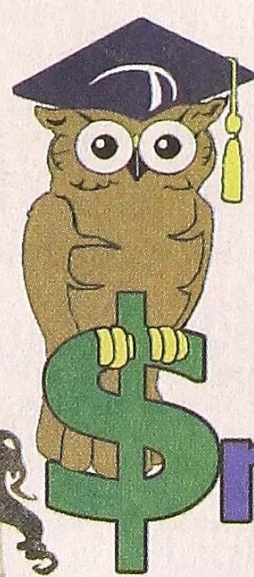
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